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Punish Illegal Interference in American Elections

SECURE Our Democracy Act

(Safeguard Our Elections and Combat Unlawful Interference in Our Democracy)

"I think Russia is a global menace led by a man who is menacing. Vladimir Putin does not share our interests, he frustrates our interests, he violates his neighbors... the fact that a foreign government tried to meddle in another government's elections is wrong. And so I do think sanctions are called for."

- Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, 1/12/17

The Intelligence Community has concluded that the government of Russia illegally interfered in our country's election last year. Speaker Ryan is right; this attack cannot go unanswered. The **SECURE Our Democracy Act** would punish those responsible for trying to undermine American democracy last year and in future elections.

KEY POINTS

- Requires the Secretary of State to compile and regularly update a public list of foreign persons and entities who unlawfully interfered with a U.S. election after January 1, 2015 and any future election.
- Bars entry to the United States and freezes U.S.-based financial assets of those listed.
- Modeled on widely supported and successful sanctions used against terrorists, drug traffickers, and human rights violators.
- Requires a public report.
- No cost to taxpayers.